GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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RELOCATION OF TIGERS IN SARISKA TIGER RESERVE
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to relocate Tigers in Sariska Tiger Reserve;

(b) if so, the details thereof including the names(s) of the Tiger Reserves from where Tigers will be relocated;

(c) the number of Tigers killed by poachers in Sariska Tiger Reserve; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS(SHRI S. REGUPATHY)

(a) & (b) A male tiger and a tigress have been reintroduced in Sariska Tiger Reserve from the Ranthambhore Tiger Reserve of Rajasthan in June/July 2008, based on a recovery strategy suggested by the Wildlife Institute of India. The tigers are being closely monitored by radio telemetry.

(c) As reported by the State, the ongoing investigation indicate poaching of 13 tigers from the Sariska Tiger Reserve.

(d) The steps taken to strengthen tiger conservation in the country, interalia, including the implementation of the Tiger Task Force recommendations are at Annexure-I.